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FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHTIME LECTURE AT THE ARCHIVES ON THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT 12:00 PM THE EDUCATION OF JULIA TUTWILER: TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP PRESENTED BY PAUL M. PRUITT JR.

Montgomery, AL (05/10/2022) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will continue its 2022 *Food For Thought* lunchtime lecture series on **Thursday, May 19, at 12:00 PM**. Paul M. Pruitt Jr. will present **The Education of Julia Tutwiler: Training for Leadership.** The program will be held **in person** at the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery. **Admission is FREE.** It will also be **livestreamed** through the ADAH's <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>YouTube channel</u>.

Alabamian Julia Strudwick Tutwiler (1841-1916) was an educator, prison reformer, writer, and outspoken proponent of education for women. During this presentation, historian Paul M. Pruitt Jr. will explore Tutwiler's early life and her experience as the pupil of her father, Henry Tutwiler, who believed that women were the intellectual equals of men and should be educated the same way. Pruitt will discuss how the experiences of her youth led to an appreciation of both the liberal arts and vocational training, setting Tutwiler on a path to transform and expand educational opportunities for Alabamians in the tumultuous years following the Civil War.

Pruitt is the Assistant Law Librarian at the Bounds Law Library at the University of Alabama, where he also serves as an adjunct professor at the School of Law. He holds a B.A. from Auburn University and a Ph.D. from the College of William and Mary. He currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame.

For additional information call (334) 353-4689. A complete schedule of our 2022 lunchtime lecture series is available at archives.alabama.gov. *Food for Thought* 2022 is made possible with support in memory of Mike Jenkins IV.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across Washington Avenue from the State Capitol. The Museum of Alabama is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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